

**NOISE ANALYSIS FOR
LOCKHEED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF MILPITAS**

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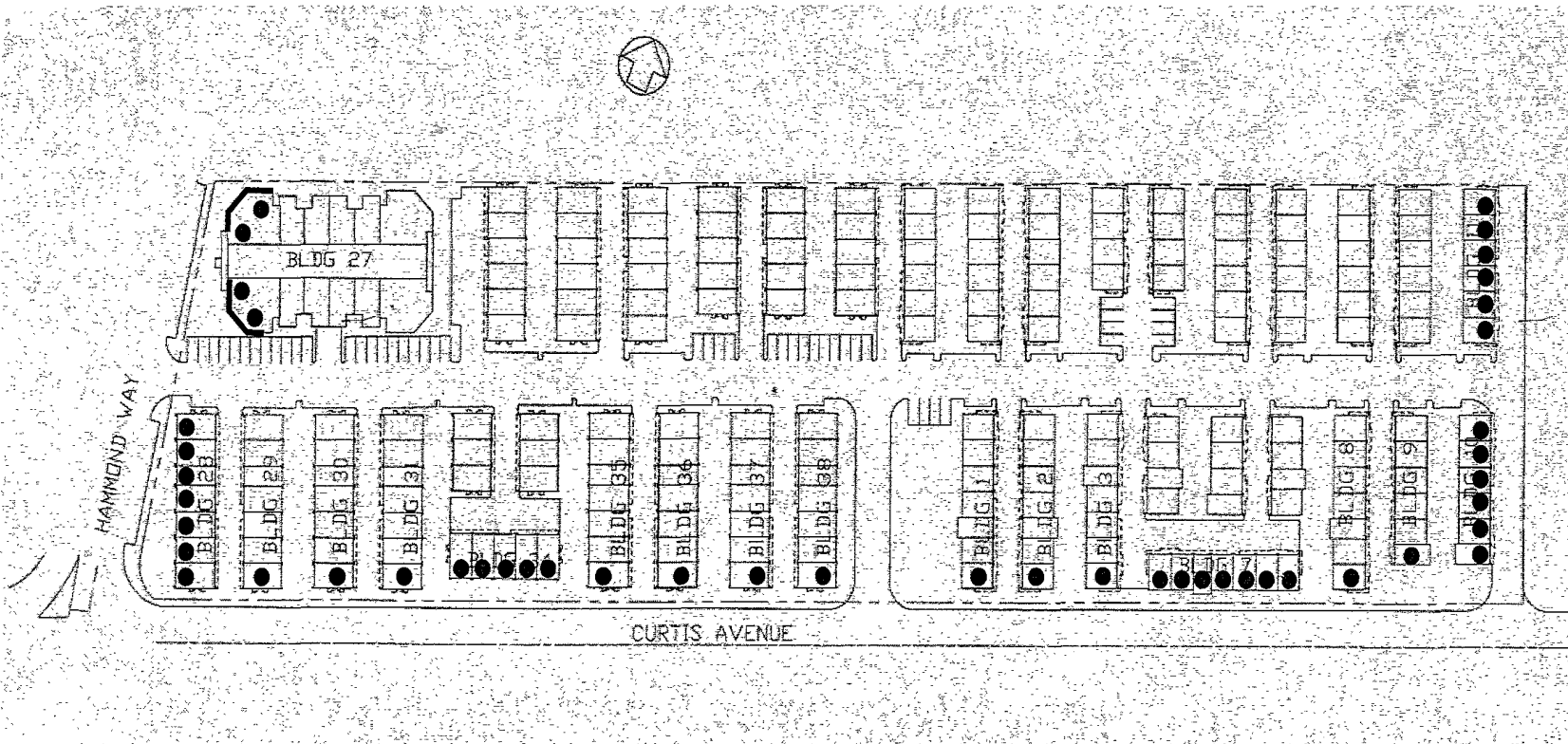
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● units requiring mechanical ventilation

— required 5.5' balcony noise barrier

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to assess compliance of the Lockheed Residential Development with the noise related conditions of approval placed on the project by the City of Milpitas. The project calls for the development of single family residences. This report addresses the future noise levels at the project site in relation to the 65 LDN exterior and 45 LDN interior noise standards adopted by the City of Milpitas.

The project site is located in the City of Milpitas as shown in Exhibit 1. The site is in proximity to two railroad lines, a rail yard, and several local roadways. The west side of the project is adjacent to Hammond Way, the Union Pacific Railroad, and Main Street. Curtis Avenue is the southern border of the project. The Union Pacific Railroad and rail yard is along the east edge of the project site.

2.0 CITY OF MILPITAS NOISE STANDARDS

The City of Milpitas specifies outdoor and indoor noise limits for residential land uses. Both standards are based upon the LDN index. LDN (Day-Night Noise Level) is a 24-hour time weighted annual average noise level based on the A-weighted decibel. A-weighting is a frequency correction that correlates overall sound pressure levels with the frequency response of the human ear. Time weighting refers to the fact that noise that occurs during certain noise-sensitive time periods is given more significance because it occurs at these times. In the calculation of LDN, noise occurring during the nighttime period (10 p.m. to 7 a.m.) is weighted by 10 dB. This time period and weighting factor is used to reflect increased sensitivity to noise while sleeping, eating, and relaxing.

The City of Milpitas has adopted an exterior noise standard of 65 LDN for a five-foot-tall observer located at least five feet within the property line. In addition, the City enforces the State of California interior noise standard of 45 LDN. This analysis assesses the noise levels within the project with respect to these criteria.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

The traffic noise levels projected in this report were computed using the Highway Noise Model published by the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model", FHWA-RD-77-108, December 1978). The FHWA Model uses traffic volume, vehicle mix, vehicle speed, and roadway geometry to compute the "equivalent noise level". A computer code computes equivalent noise levels for each of the time periods used in LDN. Weighting and summing these noise levels results in the LDN for the traffic projections used.

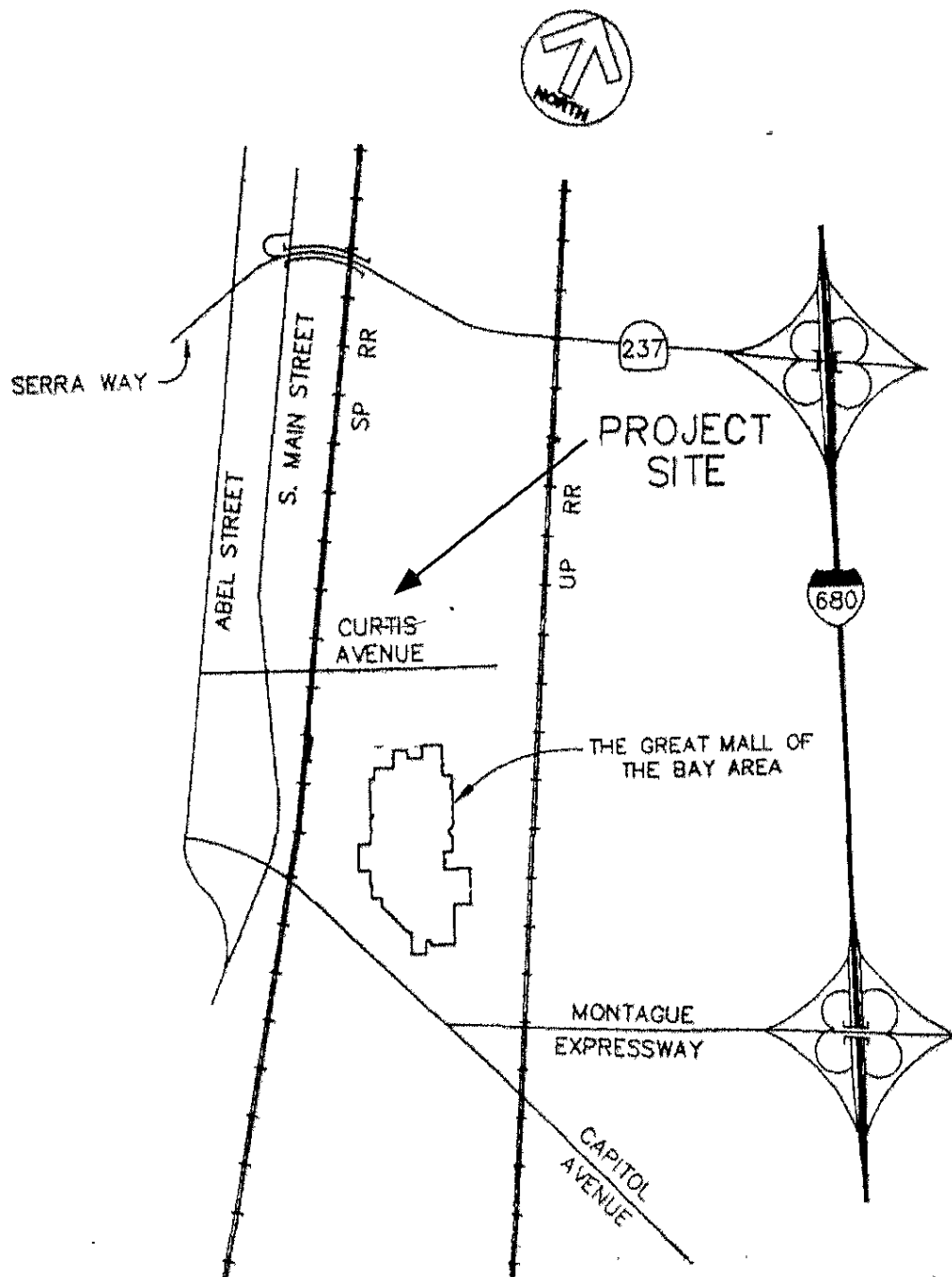


EXHIBIT 1
Vicinity Map and Site Location

4.0 NOISE EXPOSURE

4.1 Roadway Noise Exposure

Traffic information for Main Street, Curtis Avenue, and Hammond way was obtained from the traffic engineer for the project (Brett Walinski, Hexagon Transportation Consultants March 2003). Hammond way is not considered a roadway of significant traffic volume. The traffic engineer projected future peak hour traffic levels for Main Street and Curtis Avenue. Typically, the peak hour traffic will be 8 to 10% of the average daily traffic. An 8% value was used to calculate the average daily traffic (ADT) needed for forecasting traffic noise levels. The traffic distribution used in the calculations is presented in Table 1. The traffic volumes used for the noise analysis are presented below in Table 2.

TABLE 1
Traffic Volumes, Speeds and Roadway Grades

Roadway	ADT	Speed	Grade
Main Street	22,000	50	< 3%
Curtis Avenue	6,200	40	< 3%

TABLE 2
Traffic Distribution per Time of Day in Percent of ADT

Vehicle Type	Day	Evening	Night
<u>Main Street</u>			
Automobile	73.69	11.34	9.45
Medium Truck	2.15	0.33	0.28
Heavy Truck	2.15	0.33	0.28
<u>Curtis Avenue</u>			
Automobile	62.72	15.90	9.72
Medium Truck	7.58	1.92	1.17
Heavy Truck	0.69	0.18	0.11

4.2 Railroad Noise Exposure

Two railroads are in proximity to the project site. On the eastern border of the site is a railroad owned by Union Pacific Railroad. This railroad, once owned by Western Pacific Railroad, is a spur line that terminates approximately 6 miles south of the project site in San Jose near the State University. In the vicinity of the project site the railroad consists of two tracks, with one of the tracks used as a passing track. Just east of the project site the railroad joins with a switching yard complex.

A second railroad is adjacent to the western edge of the project site. It is referred to as the Southern Pacific Railroad line. However, Union Pacific purchased Southern Pacific recently so the line is actually owned by Union Pacific Railroad. This line was a trunk line for Southern Pacific Railroad and was used by freight trains. However, another railroad is located west of Interstate 880 and now is used by these freight trains. Currently very few train operations are occurring on this railroad.

4.2.1 On-Site Railroad Noise Measurements / Exposure (East End of Project Site)

Noise measurements of train events on the east end of the project site (railroad joins with a switching yard complex) were made at from September 24 to September 25 1998 and from October 1 to October 2 1998. The two 24 hour noise measurements were performed at the same location (designated as Site A). These measurements were made with a Bruel & Kjaer Type 4427 Sound Level Meter. The system was calibrated before and after each measurement series. The noise measurement system meets the American National Standards Institute "Type 1" specifications, which is the most accurate for community noise measurements. Both the meter and calibrator had current certification traceable to the National Bureau Of Standards. The measurement results are presented in Table 3.

TABLE 3
24 Hour Noise Measurement Results (dBA)

Date	Start Time	End Time	Leq	Lmax	Lmin
SITE A					
Sept. 24	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	58.4	77.5	45.9
	11:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	56.7	71.5	38.1
	12:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	60.9	81.7	32.1
	1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	58.4	77.1	30.9
	2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	57.8	77.9	37.3
	3:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	58.0	73.7	39.3
	4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	58.7	76.7	36.7
	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	60.0	75.1	39.3
	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	59.5	76.3	34.1
	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	60.9	81.9	43.3
	8:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	56.6	70.5	33.9
	9:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	56.5	76.3	33.5
	10:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	55.5	70.7	35.7
	11:00 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	57.1	75.1	33.9
Sept. 25	12:00 a.m.	1:00 a.m.	52.1	66.5	31.7
	1:00 a.m.	2:00 a.m.	49.4	63.7	29.3
	2:00 a.m.	3:00 a.m.	47.2	60.5	34.3
	3:00 a.m.	4:00 a.m.	49.2	66.5	26.9
	4:00 a.m.	5:00 a.m.	49.0	67.5	27.1
	5:00 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	52.5	68.1	29.7
	6:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	56.3	75.3	32.1
	7:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	57.0	74.3	43.5
	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	57.3	74.7	30.9
	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	55.8	71.7	35.9

TABLE 3 (continued)
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Oct. 1	1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	57.9	76.2	31.2
	2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	58.2	78.5	31.6
	3:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	59.3	75.4	40.0
	4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	58.6	76.9	36.8
	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	59.9	74.4	40.4
	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	60.1	77.0	34.5
	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	56.4	70.7	33.9
	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	57.2	70.6	33.8
	9:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	57.4	77.0	34.1
	10:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	56.7	71.4	35.3
	11:00 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	56.4	74.2	33.3
Oct. 2	12:00 a.m.	1:00 a.m.	53.0	65.1	32.0
	1:00 a.m.	2:00 a.m.	48.3	65.5	30.5
	2:00 a.m.	3:00 a.m.	48.5	62.3	33.2
	3:00 a.m.	4:00 a.m.	49.2	63.3	27.4
	4:00 a.m.	5:00 a.m.	47.9	64.0	27.6
	5:00 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	53.1	67.3	30.0
	6:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	56.5	70.5	32.3
	7:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	56.8	73.6	43.3
	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	56.8	73.9	33.0
	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	57.4	72.2	35.7
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	12:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	58.8	77.4	35.4

All noise measurements at Site A had Leq values less than 65 dBA. These noise levels were caused primarily by operations at the railroad switching yard located approximately 500 feet east of the project site. The switching yard, although audible, does not result in high noise levels at the site. The maximum sound levels that occurred at Site A (in the range of 70 to 80 dBA) were due to aircraft flyovers.

Operations at the east edge of the site can be between 5 and 15 operations per day. The speeds are low on this line, and are in the 10 to 20 mile per hour range. Most of the trains are short with 10 to 12 cars being the maximum. The operations occur randomly throughout a 24 hour day. The results of the data for the two 24 hour measurements indicate that the majority of the 1 hour Leq levels are below 65 dBA at the east portion of the project (Site A). The Ldn noise level from the Leq data was calculated at 61.0 LDN at the east end of the project site.

4.2.2 Modeled Train Noise Exposure (West End of Project Site)

The Union Pacific railroad (UPRR) line runs along the west end of the project site. The "Assessment of Noise Environments Around Railroad Operations," (Wyle Laboratories Report WCR-73-5, July 1973) was used to model the train noise levels on the west end of the project site. The noise generated by a train pass-by can be divided into two components; that generated by the engine or locomotive, and that due to the railroad cars. The characteristic frequency of the engine is different than that for the cars. The effective radiating frequency is 1000 Hz for the locomotive engines, and 2000 Hz for the portion of the noise generated by the cars. The noise generated by the engine is the result of the mechanical movements of the engine parts, the combustion process, the horn if used, and to a lesser extent the exhaust system. The noise generated by the cars is a result of the interaction between the wheels and the railroad tracks. A zero source height is used for the car noise, and a source height of 10 feet above the track is utilized for the locomotive. The train noise levels are calculated by summing the noise generated by the locomotive and the noise generated by the cars.

Numerous phone calls were made to Union Pacific Railroad to obtain information on train operations for these two lines. Union Pacific Railroad does not have a central location where one can obtain information about existing and future operations. For the purpose of our train noise prediction analysis (worst case scenario), the estimated number of operations occurring during the day was assumed to be 3. The number of operations occurring at night was assumed to be 1.

4.3 Modeled Noise Exposure LDN Contours

The FHWA model and Wyle model used these assumptions to compute the future noise levels at the project site. Table 4 reports the modeling results in terms of distances to the 60, 65, and 70 LDN contours. These represent the distances from the centerline of the roadway / railroad to the contour value shown. Note that the values given in Table 4 do not take into account the effect of intervening topography that may affect the noise exposure. Topographic effects are included in a subsequent section of this report. In addition, these projections do not include any future vehicle noise reduction assumptions to take into account the effects of legislation requiring quieter vehicles in the future.

TABLE 4
Distance to Noise Contours for Future Traffic Conditions

Noise Source	Distance to LDN Contour (ft.)		
	-70-	-65-	-60-
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Union Pacific Railroad (west end)	41	145	270

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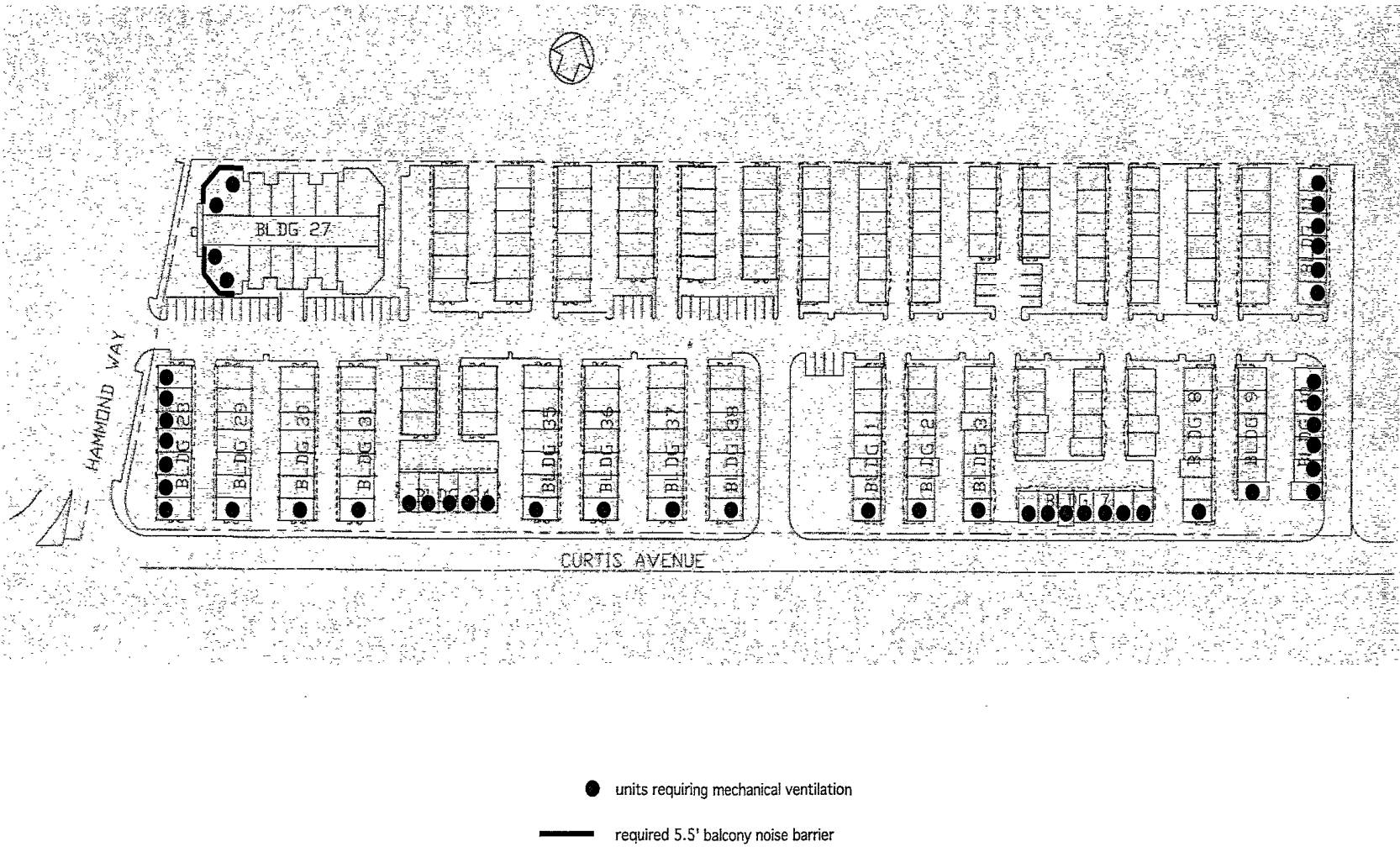
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APPENDIX A

DATA USED TO DETERMINE NOISE EXPOSURE

Future 2022

MacTrainBarrier

Tract 16042

With Noise Adjustment

	0	1.5	0	0	
Train Type		<i>Local Freight</i>	<i>Metro Link</i>	<i>Coaster</i>	
# of Cars	0	50	0	0	
Speed	0	50	0	0	
# Day	0	3	0	0	
# Evening	0	0	0	0	
# Night	0	1	0	0	
Car SEL @ 100'	0.0	102.3	0.0	0.0	102.3
Engine SEL @ 100'	0.0	101.0	0.0	0.0	101.0

Total Ops
3
0
1

(7 am - 7 pm)
(7 pm - 10 pm)
(10 pm - 7 am)

Total	4
Day	3
Evening	0
Night	1

Enter Distance To
Get CNEL Level

100	0.0	66.5	0.0	0.0	66.5
145	0.0	65.0	0.0	0.0	65.0
680	0.0	52.5	0.0	0.0	52.5
570	0.0	53.9	0.0	0.0	53.9

where $N = \pm x(A+B-d)$
or $x = 2/\text{Wavelength}$

1430
1280
150

Engine : f x
250 0.442477876
500 0.884955752

Lot	Rail Elevation	Distance To Wall	Base Of Wall	Dist. To Obsvr/Bldg	Pad /Floor Elevation	Observer Height	Wall Height	Barrier Reduction		Distance Attn.		CNEL	Rdwy	Total CNEL	TOW
								Car	Engine	Car	Engine				
27.A (no mit)	0.0	120	0	125	0.00	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	65.6		65.6	0.0
27.A							5.5	5.5	5.0	0.9	0.9	60.3		60.3	5.5
27.A (bldg exp)				130		5	5.5	5.4	5.0	1.1	1.1	60.2		60.2	5.5
27.B (no mit)	0.0	135	0	140	0.00	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.4	65.1		65.1	0.0
27.B							5.5	5.5	5.0	1.4	1.4	59.8		59.8	5.5
27.B (bldg exp)				145		5	5.5	5.4	5.0	1.5	1.5	59.8		59.8	5.5
28.A (no mit)	0.0	115	0	120	0.00	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	65.7		65.7	0.0
28.A							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	65.7		65.7	0.0
28.A (bldg exp)				120		5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	65.7		65.7	0.0
28.B (no mit)	0.0	135	0	140	0.00	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.4	65.1	66.5	68.9	0.0
28.B							0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.4	65.1	66.5	68.9	0.0
28.B (bldg exp)				140		5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.4	65.1	66.2	68.7	0.0

CNEL PREDICTION WORKSHEET - CALVENO
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Future projections	
Roadway Name:	<i>Curtis Avenue</i>
Vehicles per day	<i>6,200</i>
Speed (mph)	<i>40</i>
Grade Adj. (dB)	<i>0</i>
Vehicle Noise Red (dB)	<i>0</i>

	Day	Eve	Night	Equiv.
Auto	62.72%	15.90%	9.72%	210.2%
MT	7.58%	1.92%	1.17%	25.4%
HT	0.69%	0.18%	0.11%	2.3%

This is the CNEL at 15 m.		
	Soft CNEL(15m)	Hard CNEL(15m)
Auto	62.2	63.4
Medium Trk.	61.9	63.4
Heavy Truck	56.4	57.6
Total	65.6	66.9

To get other noise levels, Put in other distances (ft).		
Dist.	Soft	Hard
60	64.3	66.1
100	61.0	63.9
700	48.3	55.4
1340	44.1	52.6

To get other distances, Put in other noise levels.		
CNEL	Soft	Hard
57	184	486
60	116	244
65	54	77
70	25	24

Cross Section	Road Elevation	Distance To Wall	Base Of Wall	Dist. To Observer	Pad Elevation	Observer Height	Wall Height	***Barrier Reduction***			+++CNEL+++		++CNEL++ Soft
								Auto	MT	HT	Soft	Hard	
28.A (no mit)	0.0	40	0.0	43	0.0	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.5	67.5	66.5
28.A							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.5	67.5	66.5
28.A (bldg exp)				45		5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.2	67.3	66.2
28.B (no mit)	0.0	40	0.0	43	0.0	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.5	67.5	66.5
28.B							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.5	67.5	66.5
28.B (bldg exp)				45		5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.2	67.3	66.2
31 (no mit)	0.0	40	0.0	43	0.0	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.5	67.5	66.5
31							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.5	67.5	66.5
31 (bldg exp)				45		5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.2	67.3	66.2
2 (no mit)	0.0	40	0.0	43	0.0	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.5	67.5	66.5
2							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.5	67.5	66.5
2 (bldg exp)				45		5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.2	67.3	66.2

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The data you need to enter is in *italics*.

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Future projections	
Roadway Name:	<i>Main Street</i>
Vehicles per day	<i>22,000</i>
Speed (mph)	<i>50</i>
Grade Adj. (dB)	<i>0</i>
Vehicle Noise Red (dB)	<i>0</i>

	Day	Eve	Night	Equiv.
Auto	73.69%	11.34%	9.45%	204.0%
MT	2.15%	0.33%	0.28%	6.0%
HT	2.15%	0.33%	0.28%	6.0%

<i>This is the CNEL at 15 m.</i>		
	Soft CNEL(15m)	Hard CNEL(15m)
Auto	70.3	71.5
Medium Trk.	62.7	64.2
Heavy Truck	66.9	68.1
Total	72.4	73.7

<i>To get other noise levels, Put in other distances (ft).</i>		
Dist.	Soft	Hard
<i>400</i>	<i>58.8</i>	64.6

<i>To get other distances, Put in other noise levels.</i>		
CNEL	Soft	Hard
<i>57</i>	525	2,283
<i>60</i>	332	1,144
<i>65</i>	<i>154</i>	362
<i>70</i>	<i>71</i>	114